

statement of the county indebtedness may be seen, for which services he shall receive a reasonable compensation to be fixed by the board.

Compensation of clerk.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of paying said bonds at maturity, the board of commissioners shall have power and authority to assess and levy a special tax not to exceed the amount that may become so due, said special tax to be levied and collected as other taxes are levied and collected, observing the just proportion and equation of taxation fixed by the constitution.

Special tax to pay bonds.

How levied and collected.

SEC. 4. After ascertaining the true indebtedness of said county, if the board of commissioners shall deem it best for the interest of the county, they may, with the approval of a majority of the qualified voters of said county, assess and levy an annual special tax for three years, the special tax for no one year to exceed one-third of the indebtedness of the county. The tax so levied shall be applied to the payment of the outstanding debts of the county in the order of date, the oldest being paid first, and the regular annual tax shall be applied to the payment of the current expenses of the county. The special tax herein authorized shall be levied and collected as other taxes are levied and collected, observing the proportion and equation of taxation fixed by the constitution: *Provided*, that the special tax mentioned in this section shall not be assessed until the same shall have been submitted to the qualified voters of the county of Franklin for their approval or disapproval, at an election to be held at such time and under such regulations for ascertaining the will of said voters as the board may prescribe; those in favor of said tax shall vote a written or printed ballot with the words "For the tax," and those opposed shall vote a like ballot with the words "Against the tax."

Commissioners authorized to levy special tax to pay county indebtedness, upon majority vote of county.

Application of tax.

How levied and collected.

Election to be held.

Ballots.

SEC. 5. The official bond of the sheriff of Franklin shall be liable for the faithful collection and payment of any taxes authorized to be collected by this act, and the official bond of the treasurer of said county shall be liable

Liability of official bonds of sheriff and treasurer.